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SUBJECT: FY 75 U.S. PROFESSOR PROGRAM

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1. POINT THREE REFTEL INDICATED CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OFFERED WRIGHT DOLS 1000 PER MONTH, OR TOTAL DOLS 3000 FOR HIS THREE-MONTH GRANT.

2. WRIGHT REPORTS THAT HE WAS OFFERED CHOICE OF METHOD OF PAYMENT BY UNIVERSITY AND PICKED LUMP-SUM PAYMENT AT END OF GRANT, A CHOICE HE NOW REALIZES WAS A MISTAKE. INDICATES HE INFORMED EMBASSY OF PROBLEMS HE ENCOUNTERED TOWARD END OF GRANT IN TRYING TO GET PAYMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY, AND RECEIVED IMPRESSION POST FELT IT WAS HIS PROBLEM. HE WAS UNABLE TO STAY ON LONGER TO STRAIGHTEN OUT RED TAPE AND SO DEPARTED WITHOUT THE THREE THOUSAND WHICH HE STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED.

3. DEPARTMENT IS GREATLY CONCERNED OVER THIS DEVELOPMENT NOT ONLY IN CONNECTION WITH ONE INDIVIDUAL GRANT, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF IMPLICATIONS FOR COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS IN GENERAL. WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT IF U.S. PROFESSORS ACCEPT

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FULBRIGHT-HAYS GRANTS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT PART OF THEIR FUNDING IS TO COME FROM THE VENEZUELAN UNIVERSITY, THEN IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE POST TO TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSURING THAT PAYMENT FROM NON-U.S. GOVT SOURCES IS MADE IN AN ORDERLY AND TIMELY FASHION. FOR THE FUTURE WE RECOMMEND POST WORK OUT ARRANGEMENT FOR GRANTEE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN COMMITMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY INVOLVED, WITH COPIES FOR POST AND DEPARTMENT. IN DR. WRIGHT'S CASE, WE REQUEST THAT POST CONTACT UNIVERSITY IMMEDIATELY TO ASCERTAIN WHAT ACTION IS BEING TAKEN TO PAY HIM THE SALARY WHICH IS OVERDUE. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS BY CABLE. KISSINGER

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